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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
FROM :
Acting Director of Security
SUBJECT : Federal Fire Prevention and Control
Act of 1974

1. Action Requested: It is requested that you sign the attached letter to the Administrator, National Fire Prevention and Control Administration (NFPCA), U. S. Department of Commerce.

2. Basic Data: In a letter to the Director, the Administrator, NFPCA, outlined the current role of the NFPCA with regard to Federal agencies as it pertains to the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1971. The NFPCA Administrator also requested the support and participation of the CIA in NFPCA's implementation of this role.

3. Staff Position: The Safety Branch has reviewed the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 and has prepared the attached reply to the letter from the NFPCA.

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Mr. Howard D. Tipton, Administrator, National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

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**SUBJECT: Federal Fire Prevention and
Control Act of 1974**

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Mr. Howard D. Tipton
Administrator
National Fire Prevention and
Control Administration
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C. 20230

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Thank you for your letter to the Director outlining the current role of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration with regard to Federal agencies as it pertains to the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-498).

Please be assured that the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration, in carrying out its responsibilities under Public Law 93-498, may depend upon the support and participation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

Signed: John F. Blake
John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Since my request of September 10, 1975, asking for designation of representatives to the Federal Fire Council, significant changes have been made in the Council operation. Our 1976 Appropriations Act (Public Law 94-121) stated, "That no part of the appropriation shall be available for the Federal Fire Council subsequent to enactment of this legislation," and accordingly the Council operations have been terminated. The purpose of this letter, then, is to outline the current role of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration (NFPCA) with regard to Federal agencies as it pertains to the "Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974," Public Law 93-498, and to request your support and participation in implementing this role.

Close coordination and interface with the Federal Government will be an important element of NFPCA operations. There is much expertise in the Federal family that has not been fully utilized to bear on our Nation's fire problem. And, there is much to be gained from providing a focus for assuring continued coordination between Federal agencies with respect to the fire safety field.

The National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control in its report "America Burning" stressed the need for this coordination. This view was reinforced when Congress enacted and the President signed Public Law 93-498. NFPCA is required to provide Federal agency coordination and information exchange activities under Section 8(e), 12, and 21(e) of Public Law 93-498. A copy of the Act is enclosed for ready reference.

It is our intent to provide an opportunity for Federal agencies to benefit from one another's programs. We will be concerned with cooperative efforts and means to avoid duplication of effort. Present plans envision publication and distribution of information on timely topics and new developments, sponsorship of meetings, operation of




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committees, publication of a compendium of recently completed and currently funded advances in fire safety technology under Federal sponsorship, and identification of Federal fire safety experts and their expertise.

Again, we need your support and participation to carry out our responsibilities under Public Law 93-498 and to be successful in maintaining coordination and liaison between Federal agencies regarding fire safety programs, activities, and accomplishments. Results will be measurable in direct proportion to the interest, support, and participation shown.

We plan to start on the above projects by working with those representatives previously designated as your agency's fire safety contacts.

Sincerely,


Howard D. Tipton
Administrator

Enclosure

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11654

Transfer of the Federal Fire Council to the Department of Commerce

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and in furtherance of the purpose and policy of the Fire Research and Safety Act of 1968 (15 U.S.C. 278f-278g), it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The Federal Fire Council, an advisory agency in matters relating to the protection of Federal employees and property from fire, which was established within the General Services Administration by Executive Order No. 7397 of June 20, 1936, as amended by Executive Order No. 10257 of June 23, 1951, is hereby transferred to and established in the Department of Commerce. The Federal Fire Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall, in the exercise of its functions, be responsible to the Secretary of Commerce. The Secretary or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

SEC. 2. Members of the Council, who shall serve without additional compensation, shall be officers or employees of the various departments and agencies of the Federal Government, and of the Government of the District of Columbia designated by the respective heads thereof. Each department and agency, and the Government of the District of Columbia, shall be entitled to designate one member of the Council and may designate such additional members as the governing body of the Council may authorize.

SEC. 3. The Council shall have a governing body composed of the Chairman of the Council, who shall also serve as its Chairman, and representatives of the Secretaries of the Interior, Health, Education, and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force and of the Administrator of General Services. The Chairman shall appoint such other officers and committees as he may deem necessary to carry out the functions of the Council.

SEC. 4. The Council is authorized to develop standards, procedures, and forms, and, on request, to conduct surveys or such other investigations as may be necessary to determine what measures should be taken to safeguard life and property from the hazards of fire, including review of plans for new construction. The Council is also authorized to make such independent studies of Federal buildings and property as it may deem desirable from the standpoint of fire protection and to maintain a record of fire losses on Government property.

SEC. 5. The Council shall report the results of such investigations and studies to the head of the agency concerned, together with its recommendations.

SEC. 6. In case of fires involving Government records, the agency concerned should notify the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration and obtain its advice as to methods by which the maximum salvage of the records involved may be secured.

SEC. 7. In carrying out their functions under this order, the Council, its governing body, and the Secretary of Commerce shall consult, as appropriate, with the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health established by Executive Order No. 11612 of July 26, 1971.

SEC. 8. Executive Orders No. 7397 of June 20, 1936, and No. 10257 of June 23, 1951, are hereby superseded.



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